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SUBJECT: CONSERVATIVE LEADER CAMERON WELCOMES AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY REF: LONDON 2768

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4 b and d

1.(C/NF) Summary. Conservative Party leader David Cameron told Ambassador Susman December 9 that he witnessed "palpable enthusiasm" during a re
About Afghanistan... -----

2.(C/NF) Ambassador Susman met with Conservative Party leader David Cameron December 9. Shadow Foreign Secretary William Hague also participate
...But Two Concerns -----

3.(C/NF) Cameron stated that he has two specific concerns about the mission in Afghanistan. First, Cameron pointed to the fact that British trc

[14.](#) (C/NF) Cameron signaled his discomfort with public discussion of "timetables" for the withdrawal of international forces in Afghanistan. "C
Election in March? -----

[15.](#) (C/NF) When queried by the Ambassador, Cameron confirmed he had heard the rumors that the Labour government might decide to hold the next g
Travel Deferred -----

[16.](#) (C/NF) Cameron said that he had been considering a trip to the U.S. early next year but had decided that "maybe it's not a good idea." The
McKinnon Extradition -----

[17.](#) (C/NF) Ambassador Susman outlined the status of efforts to extradite to the U.S. alleged UK hacker Gary McKinnon. Cameron noted that neithe
Comment -----

8.(C/NF) Cameron's statements to the Ambassador about Afghanistan gibe with his public comments. After returning from his visit last weekend to